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WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 15, 2003

Although rainfall predominated Virginia weather, amounts were generally less than the previous week and temperatures were mostly warmer. Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.1. Parts of Virginia dried off enough for some farmers to side-dress corn, plant corn for silage, harvest barley, and plant double crop soybeans. With temperature highs ranging between the low 80's to the low 90's, most of Virginia's soybeans, cotton, and peanuts seeds have germinated. Nevertheless, many of Virginia's crops still suffered from the excessive rain and wet conditions. Some fields are still too wet to enter. A few farmers abandoned their original planting intentions, feeling that the window of opportunity has passed for peanuts and full-season soybeans. Other farming activities included farmers preparing equipment for small grain harvest, salvaging rained on hay, and preparing to cut overgrown hay.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
June 16	0	0	35	65
June 8	0	0	34	66
June 1	0	0	39	61
May 25	0	0	49	51
May 18	0	5	54	41

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	0	3	19	47	31
Livestock	0	2	9	69	20
Other Hay	2	11	30	42	15
Alfalfa Hay	0	6	33	45	16
Corn for Grain	1	7	30	46	16
Winter Wheat	8	16	38	34	4
Barley	1	17	42	36	4
Flue Tobacco	0	13	40	47	0
Burley Tobacco	0	0	36	61	3
Fire Tobacco	7	9	43	41	0
Sun Tobacco	0	8	77	15	0
Peanuts	0	14	38	48	0
Cotton	5	20	32	43	0
Summer Potatoes	0	0	14	50	36
Apples	0	3	29	66	2
Peaches	12	1	22	47	18

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Planted	92	90	100	98
Corn for Grain Emerged	85	80	100	NA
Soybeans Planted	36	29	62	56
Soybeans Emerged	29	23	49	NA
Winter Wheat Harvested	11	10	16	11
Barley Harvested	20	15	73	48
Flue Tobacco Planted	91	89	100	100
Burley Tobacco Planted	87	76	96	91
Fire Tobacco Planted	67	62	100	98
Sun Tobacco Planted	85	80	100	99
Peanuts Planted	98	93	100	100

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 16, 2003

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	79	42	60	-5	2.54	1.72	4
Bremo Bluff	84	41	64	-6	1.47	0.59	4
Burkes Garden	74	34	56	-5	1.82	0.89	5
Camp Pickett	80	48	65	-6	1.51	0.70	4
Chatham	78	42	62	-7	3.46	2.64	4
Dale Enterprise	77	42	59	-9	2.13	1.43	5
Danville AG	83	47	66	-7	3.33	2.49	4
Floyd	75	39	60	-5	2.00	1.22	3
Free Union	77	43	61	-10	2.08	1.15	4
Glasgow	80	45	64	-6	1.76	0.99	4
Hillsville	78	41	62	-4	2.27	1.36	4
Lake Of The Woods	78	45	63	-7	2.06	1.23	5
Lynchburg	78	43	64	-6	2.92	2.10	4
Mount Weather	72	43	58	-9	2.18	1.20	4
Norfolk	83	54	70	-3	0.58	-0.26	3
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	78	45	63	-7	2.19	1.36	4
Pulaski	78	40	60	-6	2.13	1.30	5
Richlands	81	37	61	0	1.41	0.48	4
Richmond	80	52	68	-5	1.91	1.09	4
Roanoke	78	47	65	-5	1.22	0.44	4
Saltville	83	38	62	-5	1.29	0.37	4
Somerset	82	47	65	-5	2.86	2.03	5
Staunton	77	41	60	-7	1.45	0.78	5
Stuart	80	47	65	-5	4.29	3.31	4
The Plains	77	43	61	-8	1.23	0.38	3
Washington Dulles	78	45	62	-7	2.88	1.90	4
Waynesboro	78	40	61	-6	2.34	1.67	6
Winchester	79	40	60	-8	2.11	1.22	4
Woodstock	78	43	60	-9	1.81	1.04	4
Wytheville	78	39	59	-6	1.82	1.10	4

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.